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ONE CENT

MACBETH-EVANS HOPE TO RESUME WORK TOMORROW

Installation of Oil Producing System Being Hastened to Fullest Extent

HALF OF PLANT NOT RUNNING

Working lately day and night a force of men has been hurrying the installation of a new oil producing system at the Charleroi plant of the Macbeth Evans Glass company that will serve as a substitute for gas which during the cold weather is not available in quantities sufficient for carrying on manufacture. From progress already made the managers of the plant hope the system will be in shape for use tomorrow and that half of the plant which has been suspended since the middle of last week will be enabled to start.

Half of the plant, the furnace department, is now operating, but without gas or a substitute, the tank department, constituting the other half cannot operate. The work of installing the oil producing system was started weeks ago. By freight delays and delays of various sorts the completion of the system was held up. The latest trouble has been the inability of the company to procure oil burners.

In many respects the Macbeth-Evans plant is better off than steel mills along the valley, which have been closed in producing departments since last week and which face no immediate prospects of resumption. Their installation of powdered coal systems has been delayed until the mills are far behind.

SPEEDWAY FILMS TO BE SHOWN AT COYLE THEATRE

Films taken during the day of the great Uniontown automobile races at the dedication of America's newest speedway will be shown today at the Coyle theatre. Pictures were taken of the start and a part of the biggest races of the day. Also films were taken of a race for moving pictures purely, the camera man being strapped to the rear end of a car as he turned the crank.

No Court Christmas Day.

There will be no court at Washington on next Monday, Christmas Day. Motion and rule court is usually held on Monday, but there will be none next Monday. It will likely be held on Tuesday morning.

Notice

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- F. Wanthier.

Watch this list grow. 130-tf--

ELLSWORTH COLLIERIES TO BUILD NEW HOUSES

Peterman's Hill to be Scene of Construction Activities Within Next Few Months.

It has been announced that the Ellsworth Collieries company, located at Ellsworth, will presently start the construction of a number of new residences on the Bentleyville-Bethsville Pike on what is known as Peterman's Hill. The new houses will not be let out to contractors but will be built by carpenters in the employ of the company. Recently William A. Marshall, a contractor of Bentleyville and Monongahela, built a large number of double tenement houses in Ellsworth. These proved insufficient to house the large number of new employees taken on at the Ellsworth plant.

Ellsworth is one of the model mining towns of the United States. Its schools and sociological division, under the management of E. E. Bach, are reported to be of the highest order afforded by mining communities. Approximately 600 men are employed at the Ellsworth mines.

POLICE GET MAN BY BOMBARDMENT

Hour's Maneuvering Necessary Before Wanted One Is Urged Out

RESEMBLED TRENCH FIGHTING

The police had an experience Monday night at 10:30 o'clock with a man securely fortified in the trenches of his basement on Luella avenue near First street. He defied his position successfully under dared out to fight, whereupon he merged and suffered capture. His name given at the lookout is Joseph Kushner.

The man started by getting on the outside of a considerable quantity of wet goods. Thereupon he chased other members of the family from the premises, it is said, and using beer bottles as shrapnel kept them at bay. The police were called upon to dislodge him. Chief C. W. Albright and the other members of the force, impressed with the idea that numbers were necessary went to the scene. They found the man ensconced in the basement ready for a bombardment.

For nearly an hour the police worked, trying various maneuvers, to effect his capture. They were aided by relatives of the young man but he occupied an unassailable position at the foot of the stairs to go down which was to take decidedly uninviting risks. The man invited the police to shoot and then threatened it is said to kill them with beer bottles. Chief Albright finally urged him out to fight, taunting him. That was the last straw and the daring defender of the stairway came. His capture then was easy. Information charging him with grave offenses will likely be lodged before a justice of the peace.

Special Teddy Bears large size 98c at Kirk and Clark's. T&T.

DIES AT HOME IN NORTH CHARLEROI

James W. Cheshure Succumbs to the Effects of Tuberculosis

LEAVES WIFE AND ONE CHILD

James William Cheshure, aged 34 years, a well known resident of North Charleroi died at 1:35 o'clock this morning at his home on Fourth street that borough. He had been ill for months with tuberculosis and had returned from the Cresson sanitarium five weeks ago after spending five months there.

Surviving are his widow and one child, an infant daughter, and three brothers and two sisters. Samuel of Rices Landing, Charles and Paul at home, Violet at home and Mrs. Ella May Henderson of McKeesport. Mr. Cheshure until forced to retire in March was employed as a motorman on the Pittsburgh-Charleroi Railway line. He was considered one of the best on the line. He was married a few years ago, his bride being Miss Iris Ellenberger.

The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon and the body will be taken to Beallsville for interment in the Beallsville cemetery. Mr. Cheshure was formerly a resident of the Beallsville vicinity.

RECEIVERS ASKED FOR PENSION MUTUAL CO.

Receivers for the Pension Mutual Life Insurance company of Pittsburgh were appointed Monday by the United States district court at Pittsburgh and the Dauphin county court at Harrisburg, representations being made in both cases that the capital of the company is impaired beyond the limit allowed by law and the company, admitting this to be the fact. In the federal court at Pittsburgh Judge W. H. S. Thomson appointed the Commonwealth Trust company of Pittsburgh and Joseph H. Thompson of Beaver Falls, receivers and in the Harrisburg proceedings Judges Kunkel and McCarroll appointed an insurance commissioner.

The affairs of the Pension Mutual have been before the public for some weeks past. They engaged the attention of Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil soon after he assumed office. The complaint alleged that the company has incurred a large indebtedness and is at present facing obligations to the extent of \$375,000 which it has not assets to meet. The company, through its president, Lyndon D. Wood, made answer, admitting the averments to be substantially true and agreeing that receivers should be appointed to safeguard the interests of the stockholders.

The deputy commissioner said the report of the company showed the as-

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POSTOFFICE IN SHAPE FOR RUSH

Will be Open Saturday Night and Part of Sunday and Christmas Day

INSTRUCTIONS ARE ISSUED

Postmaster J. K. Smith has issued his instructions regulating postoffice hours for the two days preceding Christmas and Christmas day. On Saturday the office will be open until 8 o'clock in the evening. The carriers will be in the office. All persons expecting mail or packages can receive the same by calling at the office between 7 and 8 o'clock.

On Sunday all packages that are in the office will be delivered in the afternoon except to business houses. The carriers will be in the office between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock to accommodate those expecting mail. There will be no stamps sold or packages received for mailing Sunday.

On Christmas day all packages in the office will be delivered on Christmas morning. But one delivery will be made by the carriers. The office will be open until 10 o'clock. To guarantee safe delivery, states Postmaster Smith as many packages as possible should be insured.

One of the busiest Christmases in the history of the local postoffice is reported. Extra help has been necessary.

DAMAGES CLAIMED FOR DEATH OF DAUGHTER

The first case called Monday was the suit of Michael and Francisco Kihel against the Webster, Monessen, Belle Vernon & Fayette City Street Railway Co., a claim for damages for the death of their daughter, Angela, aged five and a half years, who was run down and killed by a car of the defendant company, on Schoonmaker avenue, Monessen, near the Monessen bridge, on March 1, 1916.

However some material witnesses were absent and it was passed until this morning. It is the contention of the plaintiffs that owing to the fact that there were no sidewalks along that avenue at that point where the accident occurred the little girl had to walk in the street and on the tracks of the railway company. At the time the child was run down she was with several children. It is claimed the motorman had ample time to see the child and check his car. In defense it is alleged the motorman was not negligent, that he did see the children, that they all got off the track, but that the Kihel child, just before the car reached her, jumped, as though frightened by an automobile that was near, directly in front of the approaching car.

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RIVER NEARLY CLOSED BY ICE THIS MORNING

Ice Broken by Steamer Vulcan With Steel Barges—River Low and Ice Does Not Go Over Dam

The Monongahela river was practically closed this morning by an accumulation of ice, and by reason of the snow of Monday afternoon and evening. The river is low and the ice does not readily pass over the dam. The first towboat to go up stream this morning was the Vulcan of the Vesta Coal company's fleet. With a tow of empty steel barges, the Vulcan broke the ice for the Tornado and Henry A. Laughlin, which followed with wooden barges.

The United States steamer Swan and the Slackwater were down river this morning to the Ella mine near Webster to raise a sunken pump boat that went down during a heavy rain storm recently.

The Pittsburgh Coal company is bringing a fleet of empty boats and barges from the Kanawha river for repairs to be made. The patrol boat Kittingham passed up stream with lock flats for up river locks.

OUTSIDE LIQUOR IS SHIPPED BACK

County Detective Knestrick Takes Prompt and Decisive Action

PROTESTS ARE NOW EXPECTED

In line with the firm policy of the court to drive from this county outside liquor dealers, who persist in plying their trade through agents and acting upon advice of District Attorney Isaac W. Baum, County Detective Byron W. Knestrick seized two car loads of liquor that had been shipped to Hills station. This liquor was taken and resealed to the consignee. One car was from the Steuben Brewing Co., at Steubenville, O., and the other from a wholesale dealer in that section of Ohio. The stuff was shipped through what is known as the Ohio Valley Express Co., but it appears it simply received the stuff at Steubenville and then consigned it by through freight to Hills station. It came through to Canonsburg and from there was taken by local freight to Hills, the latter station not being a through freight point.

The district attorney's office had information last week that a large quantity of beer and whiskey was coming to Hills station for distribution among the mining settlements out the Montour Railroad, to Hendersonville and other points. Consequently Detective Knestrick, who was appointed a week ago especially to look out for alleged violations of the liquor laws, got busy on this particular job. It seems that, notwithstanding many prosecutions and the infliction of heavy fines, these outside liquor dealers use every device they can plan to evade the law and get their products into the county. Allegheny county dealers are not so persistent as they once were since they have been required to contribute to the county treasury many thousands of dollars.

Detective Knestrick went to Hills (Continued on Page Four.)

CHRISTMAS AND COLD WEATHER CAUSE DELAYS

Transportation Companies up Against it Hard This Holiday Season

FREIGHT CARS CROWD TRACKS

Heavy Christmas traffic, the weather and the freight situation have the railroad up against it hard these days, with incidental delays in passenger service as the inevitable result.

Passenger trains of late days since the Christmas weather began have been running behind schedules very generally, the delays ranging from 15 minutes to more than an hour. Heavy mails have to be handled on the mail trains and on the express trains the express business never was greater. This means consumption of time that engineers are unable to make up between stops.

Freight conditions are such that single lining (as the railroad men say, it is frequently necessary. Freight cars crowd the tracks from one end of the division to the other and there is a general hustle in getting them to their point of destination and back again to their shipping points. Blocks are tied up quite often. The passenger trade is heavy.

Where the effect of the weather is noticeable is in the interlocking air system used especially in the Pittsburgh yards. Weather affects the system considerably and makes switching a matter of some difficulty.

FANCY FRUIT FOR CHRISTMAS

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Importers samples of superb handkerchiefs, hand embroidered on pure linen. 75 cents and \$1.00 values 50c each at Kirk and Clark's. T&T.

Business For Sale.

Joe Price has bought the meat market at 521 McKean avenue from J. A. Lucas who is retiring from the meat business because of ill health. Mr. Price will take charge of the market Jan. 1, 1917. Mr. Lucas has a market at Monessen, which is for sale. It is the best, most up-to-date and most sanitary market in Monessen. It has three large coolers, 24 feet of refrigerating show counters, one fish box, one, refrigerating window and is operated by a 2 ton Automatic Refrigerating machine. This market did a \$4,500 business in November and from present indications will do a greater business in December. For further information see J. A. Lucas. 157-t1.*



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PROPER VENTILATION

In his weekly health chat Dr. Samuel G. Dixon discusses the subject of ventilation as follows:

The question of proper ventilation during the winter months is one which it is quite difficult for many people to solve.

It is apparent to almost everybody that the admission of pure air is necessary if efficient work is to be performed in office and school and if refreshing sleep is desired by night. The fresh air does not depend upon the temperature and can be supplied by a proper heating and ventilating system.

The opening of windows while it admits the fresh air, often causes drafts which are uncomfortable, not to say injurious. Where a number of people are occupied in a room it is often a cause of subjecting one or two to exposure if the windows are opened to secure ventilation. This can be avoided by an ample supply of warmed air.

Numerous devices, more or less expensive, have been placed on the market but are not always satisfactory. The most economical and at the same time probably the most efficient ventilating device is one made of glass or wood eight or ten inches in height and made the width of the sash. This should be placed under the sash with a slant from the bottom to the top at an angle of 45 degrees, leaving an opening at the top covered with cheese cloth.

Ventilators of this sort are so simple that they can be made at small cost anywhere and the covering can be readily replaced. They are suitable for office and school room, living rooms and bed rooms. They permit reasonable ventilation without too great a loss of heat and prevent that stuffiness of atmosphere which is dangerous to health and destructive to real comfort during the winter months. This device leaves an opening between the upper and lower sash through which the used air of the room may escape.

The death of the Monessen young man by asphyxiation through improper use of a gas stove and correspondingly poor ventilation of a room furnishes one of the sternest lessons mankind could learn.

The Monessen man turned on the gas heavily to heat quickly the bathroom where he was preparing to bathe. He closed tightly windows and doors, preventing fresh air from getting in and fumes from getting out. No doubt he accomplished his desire to get the room sufficiently warm, but the result was what might have been expected, his untimely demise.

Those of us accustomed to the use of gas know carelessness of this sort is a rather common thing, even though the mortality rate seems low. This one instance of death however is sufficient reminder of the necessity of precaution. If a person wants to commit suicide no surer method could be adopted.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER

The majority of people, and women in particular, do not drink enough water. There is great danger of overeating, but there is little danger of drinking too much water unless it is the drinking of large quantities of cold water when the body is overheated. "Ice cold" water, however, is not good for the system at any time. People who are forced to stay in an office or home all day in an office or home drink too little water between meals and then, in many cases, make the mistake of drinking too much water at their meals.

A glass of water with each meal, especially at the end, will aid digestion. To wash down one's food however is a very bad although quite common mistake. It is particularly hard on one's stomach and that poor, overburdened organ is sure to resent it sooner or later.

One excellent rule is to drink a glass of water just before going to bed and immediately upon arising in the morning. The plain every-day



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GINGLES' JINGLES

ATTORNEY, BROWN.

He skidded in as the train slacked up, at a country crossroads town, strolled up the aisle of the first-class coach, strolled up and then strolled down; he wore a large high-colored rose in the lapel of his coat, as he meandered back and forth, right there with the back woods goat. At last he lit near a guy he knew in the years of long ago, draped the frame he toted right near poor him, cleared the deck for a three-reel show: he was some speller as the crank he turned, he could hit 'er up, by jove, he talked of the war and of politics, that stuff right home he drove, he sympathized with our soldier dead, praised the veterans still alive, the sob stuff he could wail and yawn, and his strong stuff had some drive. "He's a bug from Woppering Falls," said one, "he's a nut," another said, "you're both in wrong," said a pal of his, "that guy has got some head, he's Attorney Brown from our old home town, he's rehearsing his speech to Bill, his memorandum speech that he'll warble today, that he's going back home to Lem's Gingles spill."

brand is better for this purpose than charged or carbonated waters.

Water should be taken externally as well as internally as an aid to health. A bath in the morning ending with cold water providing one is strong enough to stand it without shock, is a valuable stimulant to circulation and respiration and promotes activity and health.—State Gazette.

CHOOSING A HUSBAND.

Husbands are not made to order; they just grow. To get a good one you have to know him when you see him. He may not look like the man your fancy painted, yet you will recognize in him the qualities that go to make up the reliable, enterprising, amiable man. As a rule, women are not possessed of acute business minds and are not as observant as they might be. One after another they will fall into the same open trap, just as though they were blindfolded or were impelled by some uncontrollable force. The majority of them seem to think they must marry, and all that is necessary is to find a man that is good looking or rich. The average girl first takes a fancy to a pretty man and thinks and dreams of his lovely hair, charming eyes, elegant dress, divine mustache and droll voice. She declares that he is too sweet for anything. This fever passes off in time, but too often leaves a perverted taste. A dandy figure, swell manners and clattering

tongue are apt to even outweigh a good heart, industrious habits and moral worth. Even after marriage visions of the early ideal rise up to disturb the serenity and tranquility of the domestic scene. Better such an ideal had never been formed.—Charters Valley Mirror.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Poor Dad, buying Christmas presents, faces the necessity of being compelled to borrow from those for whom he is buying before he gets through.

Every person's intentions are good. When a man says he will turn on the stove, he intends that he will turn on the gas in the stove.

If there is peace the world will probably be troubled for months with national statements that they were just getting ready to fight.

There are those who think the peace talk is a stock market product. They are chiefly the observers who own no stock.

No steel man has yet been able to make as good a sled as the country boy's "pap" out of a couple old planks and two steel runners.

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Embalming and Undertaking

PICKED UP IN PASSING

R. G. Knowles told a good story recently of an actress who is taking a minor part—a very minor part—in a certain well known musical comedy, says an exchange.

One day, tearful and trembling, she burst into the manager's room.

"My diamonds!" she gasped. "They have been stolen from my handbag." The manager smiled ever so slightly. Then he remarked soothingly: "Oh, well I shouldn't worry about a trifle like that!"

"But," replied the actress ruefully, "there was a \$2 bill in the bag, and that's gone, too!"

The manager's face became suddenly grave. "That's a different matter," said he. "We'll send for a detective at once."

Doris was rather backward in her studies. One day when her mother

was inquiring into her standing at school she admitted that she was lowest in her class.

"It isn't my fault," Doris replied in tones of injured innocence. "The little girl who has always been at the foot has left school."

Among the callers upon a certain grouchy art editor in San Francisco was a very timid young man who diffidently laid a cover design before the great man.

After a moment the editor growled: "Have you shown this drawing to anyone else?"

"No, sir," said the timid one. "Then," demanded the editor, "what is it makes you stand so close to the door?"

CHINESE SOLDIERS.

They Are Regarded With Aversion by Their Own Countrymen.

The well known olden dislike of, even contempt for, soldiers common to the industrious masses of China, in town as in country, is based on their experience that the soldier is a loafer most of the time and a terror to his country when war is in the air. They have not glorified valor or quite grasped the beauty, not to say the duty, of dying for one's country, although when they do fight they face death with a great indifference.

Discussing this phase of the Chinese character, Mr. Yone Noguchi, the Japanese writer, says in the course of a recent article:

"The Chinese hatred of soldiery business or the encouragement of effeminate indolence is well explained in a famous ballad written by Po Chui, called 'The Arm Broken Old Man.' This old man was not infirm until he received in his youth an order to become a soldier and intentionally broke his arm in order to be excused from such duty. Although his arm pained badly on a cold or rainy day, he was glad to be thankful for it, for, while his friends had been killed in the battlefield, he alone could enjoy a long life."

"What a different sentiment from that of us Japanese, whose loyalty to the flag and the imperial house is taught to begin with the slighting of our own lives."—East and West News.

Two Visiting Cards.

In 1844 when M. de Lagrene was sent under Louis Philippe as minister extraordinary to China the courtesy of the ambassador greatly impressed the Chinese statesmen, particularly their "doyen." After the negotiations had been completed and M. de Lagrene was ready to embark a delegation brought him a great roll of paper. The ambassador seeing this parcel at once thought this was a present, knowing Chinese methods, but to his surprise they started to unroll the cylinder, which extended to about fifty meters of paper, over 102 feet. Then he learned that it was the visiting card of the "doyen." In returning his modest little Bristol board the humiliated ambassador added a few words, which read: "The ambassador of France regrets that he is able to offer only these simple words to your excellency."

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT KUDER QUILTS POSITION

Assistant County Superintendent H. S. Kuder, who has efficiently performed the duties incident to his position as assistant to County Superintendent L. R. Crumrine the past seventeen months, has been forced to tender his resignation.

In tendering his resignation Mr. Kuder proffers his thanks to the county superintendent, mentioning that the illness of Mrs. Kuder necessitates that she be taken to Baltimore, Md., to take special treatment, and later to a milder climate, should she recover from her present illness, which is of a serious character.

The resignation was tendered to take effect Friday, and Mr. Crumrine stated Saturday that the vacancy will not be filled until some time next month.

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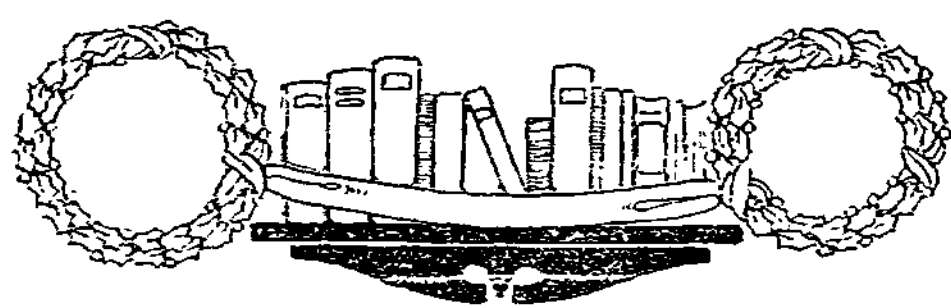
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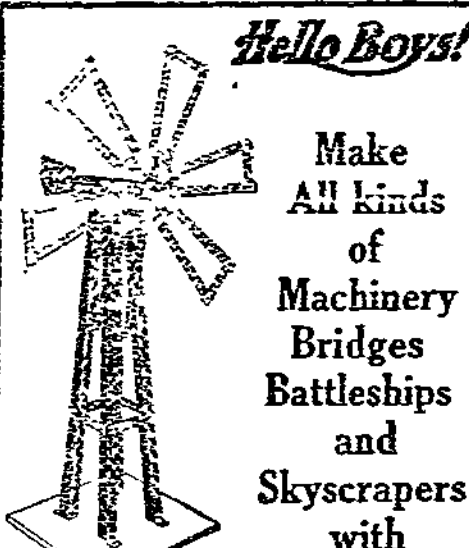
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He Had Neither Patriotism Nor Romance

By OSCAR COX

A man with one eye covered by a patch, a long scar on his neck and helping himself with a cane hobbled toward a hamlet in Canada. Meeting another man on the road, he stopped him and said:

"I come from ze wars in La Belle France."

"Oh, you do? Did you go out with one of our Canadian regiments or did you go over and enlist in the French army?"

"I enlist in ze -- Canadian Infantry. I am a Canadian, though I love France."

"There's more of you e me lack than might have been expected. Seems to me I'd see you as late as a steer turned into a Chicago packing house as go over there to be made pulp of."

"You are a bit of a pessimist, I think."

"Well, you're welcome to do so if you like. I'm not interested in posterity myself, and I don't consider that I'm under any obligation to my great-grandchildren whatever."

The speaker was about to move on when the war-scarred veteran said:

"There is a girl in this town by the name of Mabel Shaw, I believe?"

"There was a girl by that name."

"Mabel Shaw? She is not dead?"

"No; she's very much alive."

"I bring a message to her from her lover?"

"Oh, you do?"

"He and I fought together in ze trenches."

"Is the main part of him coming home too?"

"All of him is buried on ze battlefield in Picardie."

"That's too bad." This was said with evident disappointment. "Was his name Wilkins?"

"Yes. You knew him?"

"No. I never saw him. After he went away I took something that belonged to him. I'd like to return it to him."

"He was a brave man, a ver' brave man."

"I'm sure o' that, considering what he stood up against before he left. But I reckon he didn't realize the critical position he was in. What was this message you brought from Wilkins to his girl?"

"We had repelled seven attacks in one day by the Germans. At the last attack my friend was shot through the heart."

"That's the weakest place in a man's body."

"It is certain death. But Wilkins lived long enough to say to me: 'Antoine, in ze little town in Canada where I lived there is a lovely girl who has promised to wait for me till I come back after ze war. If you go there will you seek her and tell her zat my last thoughts were of her, zat I died wif her dear name on my lips? I would like to live for her, but I rejoice to die for my country.'"

"That's very beautiful."

"It is magnificient. What could there be more glorious for a man than to die for his country wif ze name of ze girl he loves on his lips?"

"Nothing, positively nothing," replied the other. "I envy Wilkins from the bottom of my heart. Fate has many trials in store for us. If he had come back he might have been sorry that he hadn't closed the account abroad."

"Oh, but that was not so wif him. He would have come to ze embrace of ze girl he loved. Zat made his sacrifice so magnificient."

There was an impressive silence between the men, which was broken by the returned soldier.

"Can you direct me to ze house of Mabel Shaw?"

"Certainly. Do you see the little red house over there?" pointing.

"Yes."

"Well, around the corner is a white house with green shutters. That's the location you're after. You can tell Mabel that you met a man on the road who directed you to her and asked you to say to her that he won't trespass on her sacred feeling for the rest of the day and she needn't expect him to dinner. She'll doubtless be very much overcome."

"You are her brother?"

"I wish I was. No; I'm her husband."

"Mon Dieu!"

"There's a lot of romance in this world, but I wasn't made that way myself. There are men who tumble over each other to get themselves killed in battle and men that are ready to kill each other for a woman. I haven't any experience in love, but I'm a major general in love. After Jim Wilkins went off to fight the Teutons I executed a brilliant strategic move on the girl he left behind him and captured her. Did you ever hear of the soldiers who captured a powder mill? No? Well, they were much pleased with their exploit till the whole thing blew up and sent 'em sky high."

"You have no reverence for woman."

"You bet I have! My mother was the best woman that ever lived."

The soldier stood irresolute for a few minutes, then, turning away, said:

"Since you are married to the woman to whom I bear the message you would very much oblige me if you would give it to her yourself."

"I will be happy to do so. It will make her very benevolent--for awhile."

The soldier went one way, the man with whom he had left the message another.

TURKEY TO COST AS MUCH AS CONSUMERS WILL PAY

Breeders Not Sending Many Live Birds to Market--Dressed Ones Come High in Pittsburgh

Turkeys for Christmas are going to cost just as much as the consumer will stand. And they will be mostly cold storage turkeys. It was said the outlook for a big supply of turkeys this week is not bright. Because of the cold weather, it is said at the commission market, breeders are not sending many live birds to market yet, as there is evidence of a rush to supply dressed birds. Live turkeys were quoted wholesale Monday at 30 cents, and fancy, full-dressed, were held at 55 to 30 cents a pound. Receipts preceding Thanksgiving were 60 cars, but there were only 15 cars in the yards Monday.

One wholesale poultry dealer, when asked to quote turkey prices declined to do so, saying that by the publication of figures asked for turkeys on the wharf the day before Thanksgiving, many dealers had to reduce their prices.

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Transformers Here.

Three immense electrical transformers to be used at the new blast furnace being erected by the Hussey-Binns Steel company have arrived and been unloaded, ready for placing.

OUTSIDE LIQUOR

(Continued from page one.)

station last week and upon advice of the district attorney on Friday seized a car load of beer that had been shifted onto the siding at that place. A few hours later another came and that also was taken. Agents at Hills had expected to distribute the stuff. Some of the beer seized, it was ascertained, was marked and some was not marked. There was in one car about 300 cases of beer. In another there were about 300 cases of beer, several hogs-heads of pints of beer and a number of packages of whiskey. The latter car was from a wholesaler.

The district attorney expects some protest from the consignors, but it will be up to them to show that they are not violating the law in the manner in which they are disposing of their goods in this county. It may be they will have to answer to the charge of violating the liquor laws and they know, since other Ohio dealers have had to contribute to the county's funds that if they come before this court on such a charge, that they must have the proof that they are not violating the law.

WE URGE YOU TO SHOP EARLY

PERSONALS

Miss Violet Lutes of Crest avenue is attending the Teachers' institute at Uniontown.

J. L. Gordon of Monessen was a caller in Charleroi Monday.

Mrs. Samuel Claybaugh was a Pittsburgh visitor Tuesday.

Miss Helen Meeker has gone to Cleveland where she will spend a vacation.

Mrs. W. H. Zellers was a caller in Pittsburgh Tuesday.

Mrs. Brent Hockman spent Tuesday in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Clyde W. Register and son David have returned from Monongahela where they visited over Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. David Woodward.

Mrs. E. C. Niver, who is assistant moving picture censor of the state is here from Philadelphia, to spend the holidays as a guest of Mrs. A. W. Day and other friends.

RECEIVERS ASKED

Continued from page one. sets to be \$1,347,452.55 and its liabilities \$474,740, with capital outstanding. \$875,000 but said its capital was entirely wiped out.

The Penn Mutual company affairs are of interest to many in this county, several men being connected with the company closely and many being insured in it.

GAS BUSINESS LOOKING UP IN BEALLSVILLE LOCALITY

There promises to again be an impetus in the gas business in the Beallsville locality.

Already quite a number of wells have been put down north of there in the Bentleyville section. The Greensboro Gas company has located a well on the Tinley farm which is proving a good one. The Philadelphia Gas company has four wells now in that community.

FAYETTE COUNTY MILLS ARE AFFECTED BY GAS SHORTAGE

Owing to low pressure of gas supply be shut off to conserve that for company 10 large factory consumers in Connellsville, Uniontown, Scottsdale, Mt. Pleasant and Masontown were compelled to suspend Monday when General Manager J. E. Angle ordered that the manufacturers' supply be shut off to conserve that for domestic consumption. There was no shortage for household use.

BATTLE OF CHAPULTEPEC.

It Was the Last Serious Conflict of Our War With Mexico.

Chapultepec is the name of a hill three miles southwest of the City of Mexico, rising about fifty feet above the surrounding plain. On it the Aztec monarchs are said to have made their summer home, and here in 1838 Galvez, then viceroy of Mexico, began to erect an imposing fortified castle, which, though never completed, was used after 1822 as a military school. In the war between Mexico and the United States the hill was strongly fortified by the Mexicans and was the scene, on Sept. 12 and 13, 1847, of the last serious conflict of the war.

After the battle of Molino del Rey, Sept. 8, General Scott planned a movement against Chapultepec and on the 12th ordered a heavy bombardment, under cover of which, on the following day, Generals Pillow and Quitman, supported respectively by Generals Worth and Smith, made a night assault, the former carrying the fortifications on the west and the latter on the east. The Mexicans, after making a stubborn defense, were driven off the hill and the Americans entered it on the 13th and the war was won.

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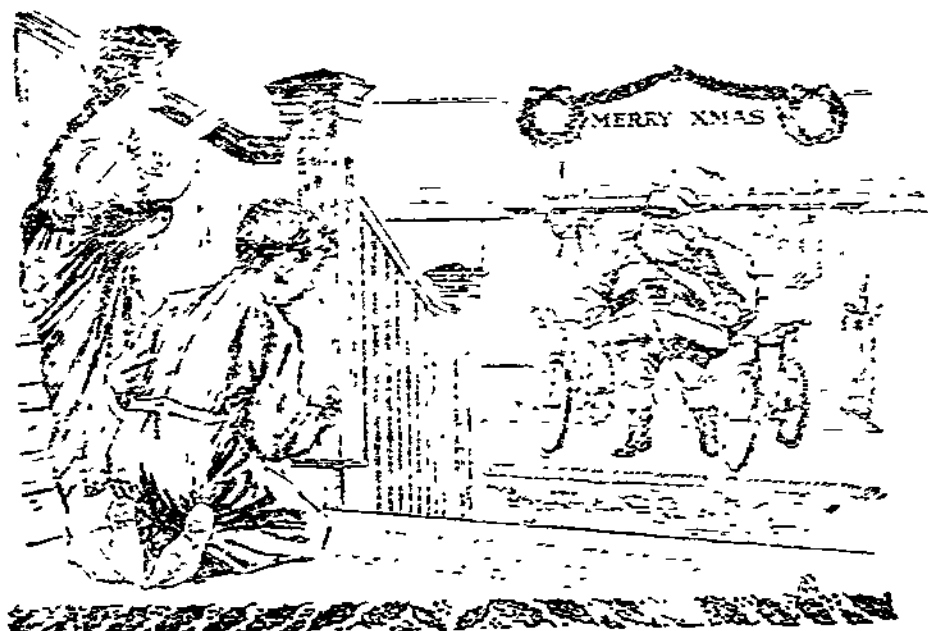
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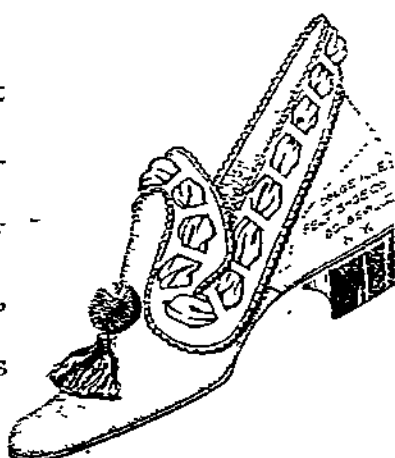
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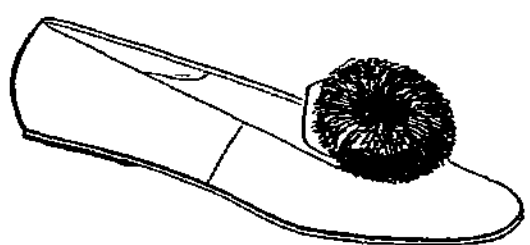
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Men's Felt "Comfy" Slippers



made of fine all-wool felt with soft padded soles. Oxford grey color, sizes 6 to 11.

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Tan and black kid in Romeo, Opera and Everett styles, turn sole, all sizes at

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All wool felt in colors gray, brown and black, fur and ribbon trimmed. Sizes 3 to 8 at

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Women's "Peerless Slippers

"Comfy" felt Slippers, trimmed with satin ribbon and pompon soft padded soles, variety of colors, sizes 3 to 8.

\$1.50

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High Top Slippers made with hand turn leather soles our foot-form lasts all sizes 6 to 10, at

\$3.50

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SOCIAL ANNOYANCES.

Somewhat Similar in the Tenth Century to What They Are Today.

That there were annoyances in the social annals of life in the tenth century similar to those observable at the present day is shown in a remarkable book, "Manners in the Tenth Century," the work of Sir John Elliott, a professor of the ancient law in the University of Oxford. One of the chapters devoted to "Detestable Things," and these included:

"A visitor who sits down to regale you with a long tale when you are in a hurry. If he cannot be an intimate friend, you must bid him go until another time. But those who you cannot so readily dismiss are detestable indeed."

"Brides who cry or do so that lack just when you are trying to overhear something."

"A dog that barks at visitors. I have often waited to ask such dogs."

"People who interrupt your story to show off their own cleverness. All interrupters, young and old, are very detestable."

"People who when you are telling a story break in with 'Oh, I know' and give quite a different version from your own."

"Either at home or in the palace to be roused up to receive an unwelcome visitor in order to avoid whom you have been pretending to be asleep."

INDEXING BOOKS.

The Custom Is an Old One That Developed Rather Slowly.

The custom of indexing books developed gradually. Cicero used the word "index," but in the sense of a table of contents. Seneca provided some works which he sent to a friend with notes of particular passages, "so that he who only aimed at the useful might be spared the trouble of examining them entire." This was at least a partial "index" in the modern sense. Annotated, or at least explanatory, tables of contents seem to have preceded the index proper.

Such tables followed the order of appearance of the subjects in the book itself. Alphabetical arrangement, which was the beginning of the real index, appears not to have been thought of until the invention of printing, and even then it spread but slowly. Erasmus was one of the first to provide his works with alphabetical indexes. The custom did not become universal until well into the sixteenth century.

The first index to an English book is said to be that printed in Polydore Vergil's "Anglice Historie" in 1540. An edition of this work published ten years later has an index of thirty-seven pages.

A Clause In Napoleon's Will.

Peter the Great is said to have made a will in which he exhorted his heirs to approach as nearly as possible to Constantinople and toward India, but the authenticity of this document has been disputed, and it is shrewdly suspected to have been forged late in the eighteenth century by August Kotzebue.

Of the genuineness, however, of the last will and testament of Napoleon I there can be no manner of doubt. One of its clauses was as vindictive as the testamentary injunction of Queen Astrigilda to her husband to have her two doctors killed and buried with her. The exile of Longwood absolutely bequeathed 10,000 francs to a fellow called Cantillon, who had been tried in Paris for an attempt to murder the Duke of Wellington. The man was still surviving in Brussels when Napoleon III came to the throne, and Cantillon was duly paid his legacy.

Queer Ads.

An English paper advertises for "a young person who can cook and dress children" and refers in its "lost and found" column to "a doll belonging to a little girl stuffed with rags."

This is the paper that contains the following:

"A gentleman has a school for sale. Contains two schoolrooms which will accommodate 300 pupils one above another." Also this: "A lady offers for sale a baboon, three tabby cats and a parrot. She states that, being now married, she has no use for them as their amiable qualities are all combined in her husband."

Immune.

"Blacksmiths seem to have a reputation for honesty."

"Deservedly so, but due partly perhaps to the nature of the business. Nobody encumbers a blacksmith with trust funds. There is nothing to adulterate in his line. Compared with some of us, a blacksmith has few temptations to resist."—Kansas City Journal

A Clean Record.

"What makes Jinks so proud of his ancestors? I never heard any of them did anything."

"That's exactly the point. So many persons' ancestors did do things which got them into trouble with the police."—Richmond Times Dispatch.

Easily Settled.

"Be easy," said a rich merchant to a fault-finding son-in-law, who was perpetually pestering him with complaints of his wife's shortcomings. "As her behavior is so intolerable, I will alter my will and cut her off with a shilling." The old man heard no more of his daughter's failings.

Rise a Little Higher.

Those who live on the mountains have a longer day than those who live in the valleys. Sometimes all we need to brighten our day is to rise a little higher.

A man ought never to quarrel with a woman. He should bear her unreason in silence.—Napoleon.

A New Year Day Contest

By F. A. MITCHEL

It is now something like forty years since the custom of making calls on New Year's day died suddenly. It began in New Amsterdam—Low New York—having been brought over from Holland when Manhattan Island was settled by the Dutch.

About the middle of the nineteenth century, when the custom of calling on the 1st of January was observed by all classes, two colored gentlemen of the blue grass region of Kentucky were rivals for the hand of the same dusky girl. They happened to make up their minds to propose to her on the same evening. Mose Jinks was in the act of declaring himself when in came Pete Carpenter for the same purpose and surprised his rival pouring forth his love.

"To 'git right out o' here," said Pete. "Wha' yo' think—dat Sarah Ann's gwine to put up with any sich niggah as you?"

"Do you spect dat Sarah Ann's gwine to take up with a field hand lak you—dat a house sarvant—a lady's maid, too—is gwine to marry a good for nothing co'n hoer?"

"Reckon Sarah Ann knows what she's about."

"Spec she does. She's gwine to tak me."

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Meanwhile Sarah Ann stood a spectator to this struggle for her hand. But at this point both suitors looked at her appealingly. Finding herself called upon to decide between her two suitors, she said:

"I feels mighty complemented at bein' asked by two sich gemmelen and yo' bofe so fine dat I don't know which to take."

"Tak' one or de udder," said Mose.

"Tak' de udder; dat's me," said Pete.

"I tell yo' what I do. Tomorrow's New Year's day. You two come here tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock, and de one wha's made de mos' calls I take."

"Dat's fair enough," said Pete.

"Huh! If yo' hadn't interfeered I'd been engaged by dis time," said Mose.

However, Sarah Ann would not decide between them in any other way, and Mose was obliged to consent. It was arranged that a committee of three be appointed by the lady to arrange the terms of the contest. This committee decided that the contestants start at 11 o'clock in the morning and finish at 4. Each was to carry a paper on which the names of the women he called on were to be entered by some one who knew how to write or by making a mark.

Naturally the contest excited a great deal of attention, for it was known far and wide that the two suitors for Sarah Ann's hand were to contest for it by making calls on New Year's day. Each had his adherents, and there was a determination on the part of these persons to aid their favorite.

The rivals were started on opposite extremities of the field of operations. Each selected a friend who could write to attend him so that he might be sure all the calls he made were recorded. As the morning wore away, however, each had a train of followers that was constantly increasing. At 1 o'clock the bride to be sent out a friend to bring her a report as to how the affair stood. She learned to her satisfaction that Mose was seven calls ahead. At 3 o'clock—an hour before time would be called—she sent out another inquiry and learned that Mose had lost his overplus and six calls besides.

"Jim," she said to her messenger, "can't yo' fix Pete so's he'll fall behind ag'in?"

"Reckon I kin try," was the answer.

There was a stream between the two parts of the trial ground which was crossed by means of a log. Jim went to where Pete was calling and waited till he wended his way to the other side of the stream. When Pete was in the center of the log, followed by six attendants close packed, Jim made a rush for the rear man, and the seven men, including the contestant, went against each other like falling card houses and into the stream on either side of the log.

Of course Pete could make no more calls till he had changed his clothes, and he hurried away for the purpose. This unfair proceeding greatly outraged his followers, and since they were not making calls themselves and didn't mind wet clothing they ran off to find Mose in order to take a similar revenge. They found him near a dyehouse, and one of them going into the house came out with a bucket of dye, and throwing it over Mose, turned him to a bright scarlet.

Unfortunately for the contestants, they were both delayed beyond the hour named for return. At 3:30 Sarah Ann sent Jim out to learn the situation. Jim returned at five minutes to 4 and reported that Pete had changed his clothes, made several additional calls and was coming to claim the prize. Mose's condition required more time, and his record was behind Pete's.

Sarah Ann waited till the clock struck 4, when, seeing Pete coming, she said to Jim:

"I don't want dat niggah, nobow. What'll I do?"

"Tak' me."

Pete arrived, the winner, but two minutes after 4. Mose arrived, loser, twenty minutes after 4. They were informed that neither having showed up on time the prize had gone to Jim.

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